

Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of the meeting: Aug. 17, 2009

@ 31 Arbor Way 6 p.m.

Present: Commission members: Michael Pantuosco, Tom Boscarino, Hunter Giroux, Gordon Oliver, Tom Neeson, and Cyndi Costanzo.

Also present: Bob Tedford/Director of Recreation

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Agenda:

- Request from Simmons Soccer Club: for access to and use of town soccer fields for the FALL-2009 season.
- Discussion was held to determine if field space was available and/or should be approved.
- The consensus of the commission members' present was NOT to allow the Simmons Soccer Club use of the town soccer fields for the Fall-2009.

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- Stanger property: A brief discussion was held and/or status update on the financial considerations. The purchase is slated to be sent to the voters at the November-2009 election.

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- Crystal Lake Schoolhouse: Some internal and external refurbishment has taken place, but further repair work has been put on hold.

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- Chapter 116: Town Ordinances:
 - Commission recommendation for review of: Section 3A:
 - "It is the recommendation of the Ellington parks and recreation commission (6 members' present at the Aug. 17, 2009 meeting) that Town Ordinance Section 3A be revised to permit dogs on the town property of Arbor park. The commission recommends the following guidelines:
 - 1) Dogs would be required to be leashed at all times.
 - 2) The owner will be fully responsible for his/her dog's behavior and actions.
 - 3) The owner will be required to remove their dog's waste from town property.
 - 4) Dog access will be limited during town scheduled events: ie: Farmer's Market, summer concerts, etc.

In addition to the above recommendation, the commission is requesting the town's support, specifically from the town's law enforcement office, to fully enforce Town ordinance Section 3A in all of the Ellington parks and/or school facilities. It is the shared opinion of the commission that dog's are regularly 'allowed' in the town parks and this ordinance is not strictly enforced. The spirit of the ordinance is to ensure the safety of anyone present at a town facility and therefore it

is of paramount importance that this ordinance be strictly enforced at all times.

Motion to adjourn: made by M. Pantousco and seconded by H. Giroux.

Vote: 6-0 in favor of adjournment at 7:35pm.

Submitted by:

Bob Tedford

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